

June 2022 meeting of the MGT

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**Subject:** Meeting Minutes - Marlboro Green Team - from 6/28, 7 PM

1. Raingarden status: Mark, Pramod and Adrienne to report. Mark reported with input from Adrienne. Lot time/effort put in over that work-weekend; but a little more effort is needed, including moving into a maintenance mode.
  - a. Expansion was noted. Should the MGT opt for expansion, we need to be aware of the MGT potentially only being able to manage a certain number of projects.
2. Marlboro Day is Sept 18. Adrienne will talk more about this over the net few weeks, and planning will be undertaken.
3. How do we get senior officials in the township to get interested in the green movement?
  - a. Council – are there any green allies on the council?
  - b. Mayor’s exec assistant
  - c. Other officials
  - This item will be discussed at the next meeting.
  - What was discussed:
    - o Adrienne will get back with Zenon of Sustainable Jersey and get Jeff in touch with him to identify the information needed for a grant to utilize a grad student to conduct an energy audit. Though this grant application should start in February, but due to the inability to save data in the application process. Results:
    - o Will need to get the paperwork of what is needed. A to introduce Jeff to Zenon.
    - o May not involve the fleet initially, but we can look into it without a consultant
    - o Phyllis to identify the time(s) for charging selected EVs under various battery types/configurations.
4. Bill Silverman: There is a big push to get electric school buses. Maybe we could be influential in getting some action here with our local government. This could be discussed.
  - a. My comment: an interesting point. I wonder whether the Marlboro school district is already doing things regarding becoming “greener”. Remember that the Middle School has constructed solar panels in a “community solar” type of project. We know nothing about that project as its genesis may show that the Marlboro Bd of Ed is way ahead of the Marlboro gov’t administration in the green energy arena.
5. Future grant programs from Sustainable Jersey: since these come with short time frames, generally outside of what steps would be needed for Marlboro, what can we anticipate in advance and plan for?
  - Mark noted that grants are coming. Therefore, we need to prepare in advance.
  - This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Anyone attend the 6/24 sustainable Jersey conference? Comments? Not discussed.
  - a. Jeff received an email from Lauren S that the text of some of the meeting transcripts will be published in a future enews from Sustainable Jersey.

7. Other items.

Thanks, Jeff